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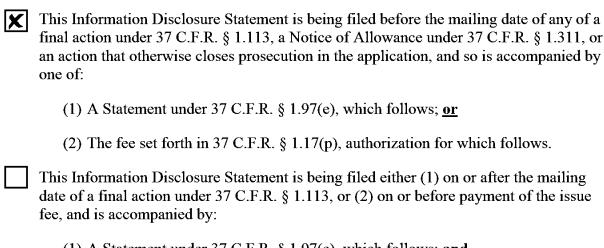
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent).

The following checked sections apply to this Information Disclosure Statement: In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) as revised at 69 Fed. Reg. 56481 (September 21, 2004), copies of the cited U.S. patent application publication(s) and/or U.S. patent(s) have not been submitted. The cited reference(s) were called to Applicant'(s) attention in a counterpart foreign patent application. A copy of the official communication in that counterpart foreign patent application citing the reference(s) is submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art. At least some of the cited references are not (or the cited reference is not) in English, and so English abstracts of those references (that reference) are provided, if available. At least some of the cited references are not (or the cited reference is not) in English, and so machine English translations of those references (that reference) are provided, where available. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under Sec. 1.53(d), (2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in Sec. 1.491 in an international application, (3) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits, or (4) before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Accordingly, neither a fee nor

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Fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)

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Applicant(s) have the following additional comments:

The cited reference was brought to the Applicants' attention in an Office Action received in Japanese patent application no. 2005-354326 (dated 8/23/06).

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent) be returned to the undersigned indicating that such information has been considered.

Other than any fees mentioned above, no fees are believed to be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which are deemed to be now or hereafter due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant'(s) attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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